

Black Diamond Foundation, Inc.
Monday, April 22, 2024
Black Diamond Ranch Boardroom
Lecanto, Florida

Present : Roger Obenauf, Lisa Honnold, Dick Ragatz, Jon Radabaugh, Linda Thomas, Patrick Monea, Shaunda Burdette, Honorable Bruce Carney, Joan Plunkett

Absent : Foster Lamm

Guests: DuWayne Sipper, The Path
Shaunda Burdette, Citrus County Education Foundation

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm, April 22, 2024

2. Presentations

Mr. Sipper gave each of us 2 handouts, "The Path News" and "Becoming Whole". He discussed the purchase of new acreage that will be used for farming and housing which is in demand. The Path had previously purchased dressers for housing, but now need more. Fathers have been given custody of their children and they need a place to store their things. The price of the dressers has doubled since the first time they were purchased. They have had a Capital Campaign that was successful. They have 40 clients that rotate jobs at the farm, and they recently hired a new Head of Cafeteria. She uses produce from the farm for many of the foods that she prepares.

Mr. Sipper answered the members' questions.

The Path is requesting \$10,000. for the purchase of new dressers.

Ms. Burdette presented information about the 4 programs that The Foundation has supported in the past : Golden Citrus Scholars, Early Literacy Library, Teacher Mini-Grants and scholarships for the Marine Science Station. She discussed a successful Fun Run that raised money for the Educational Foundation.

MS. Burdette answered the members questions.

The Education Foundation is requesting \$16,000. to continue the 4 programs.

3. Approval of the April 1, 2024 Minutes

Moved: Dick Ragatz

Seconded: Jon Radabaugh

Motion approved

Unofficial Treasurer's Report (since it is not the end of April)

There is \$154,000. in unrestricted funds. We will soon be receiving the money from Birdies, and have a CD due for \$106,000.

4. Grant Requests

Patrick Monea made a motion to grant \$10,000. to The Path for new dressers.

Seconded: Linda Thomas
Motion passed

Patrick Monea made a motion to grant \$16,000. to the Citrus County Education Foundation.
Seconded: Honorable Bruce Carney
Motion passed

5. Old Business

CCCCF will have its final vote April 25, 2024 and among the finalists are : Jessie's Place, the Community Food Bank, and Blessings.

6. New Business

The Memorial Garden dedication was held on Monday, April 15th at 1 pm. Kathy Norris and Joan Plunkett thank the Foundation for their support.

7. New Business

The next meeting will be held in October or November; Foundation business that needs to be conducted during the summer will be by email.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm.